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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby brings the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/011493, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on February 7, 2006. The Examiner is requested to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited

therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2002-340673, together with an English language Abstract and translation of the same. Applicant notes that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the above-noted application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-307078, together with an English language Abstract and translation of the same; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. 2001-230475, together with an English language Abstract and translation of the same.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus, no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted, Shoji NIKI

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